

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-14 and 20-21 without prejudice or disclaimer.

1-14. (Cancelled)

15. (Previously presented) A toilet plunger assembly comprising:

- a) an inverted suction cup;
- b) a connector having a first end and a second end, said second end having an inner opening with first and second threaded sections disposed on an interior surface thereof;
- c) a tubular member comprising a first end, a second end, an interior surface and an exterior surface, said first end having a threaded section disposed on said interior surface thereof and said second end having threaded section disposed on said exterior surface thereof, said second end threaded section adapted to engage the first threaded section of said connector second end; and
- d) an elongated rod comprising a first end, a second end, an outer diameter, and an exterior surface, said second end having distal and proximal threaded sections disposed on an exterior surface thereof [[in respect to said first end]], said distal threaded section adapted to engage the second threaded section of said connector second end, and said proximal threaded section adapted to engage the threads of said tubular member first end;
- e) wherein said rod is slideably engaged within said tubular member from a collapsed position to an extended position.

16. (Previously presented) The plunger assembly of claim 15 wherein the

first threaded section of the connector second end is of a greater diameter than the second threaded section of said connector second end.

17. (Previously presented) The plunger assembly of claim 15 wherein said rod second end comprises a stem portion extending axially from said rod having an outer diameter less than said rod outer diameter, the distal threaded section being disposed on the stem portion.

18. (Previously presented) The plunger assembly of claim 15 wherein an axial rotation of said rod with respect to said cup disengages said rod from the cup when in said collapsed position.

19. (Previously presented) The plunger assembly of claim 15 wherein an axial rotation of said rod with respect to said cup disengages said rod from the tubular member when in said extended position.

20-21. (Cancelled)